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| | | 040894-7383 |
| | | U.S. Application No. |
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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 | | 10/566575 |
| International Application. No. | International Filing Date | Priority Date Claimed |
| PCT/JP2003/011190 | July 29, 2004 | August 1, 2003 |
| Title of Invention: STAPLE LEGS BENDING MECHANISM | | |

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).

4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.

5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))
a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

6. **A copy of the International Application as filed has been transmitted by the International Bureau.**

7. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)).

8. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
d. have not been made and will not be made.

9. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).

10. An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)).

11. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).

Items 12. to 15. below concern other document(s) or information included:

12. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.
13. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with
37 C.F.R. § 3.28 and § 3.31 is included.
14. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. Other items or information:
9. Published WO 2005/011938 A1 (Cover page only)
10. International Search Report
11. PCT/RO/101 12. PCT/ISA/220
13. PCT/RO/105 14. PCTC/IB/301
15. PCT/IB/304 16. PCT/IB/308
17. PCT/ISA/237

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16. The following fees are submitted:

Basic National Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):

| NATIONAL STAGE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = | | \$300.00 |
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e)). |
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| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | |
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| Total Claims | 5 - 20 = | | X \$50.00 | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3 = | | X \$200.00 | \$ |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) | | | + \$360.00 | \$ |
| Application Size Fee - \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 | | | | \$ |
| Search Fee | | | \$400.00 | |
| Examination Fee | | | \$200.00 | |
| | | | TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | \$ 900.00 |
| | | | Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. | |
| | | | Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | -\$ |
| | | | SUBTOTAL = | \$ 900.00 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later | | | | |
| than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(f)). | | | | +\$ |
| | | | TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | \$ 900.00 |
| | | | Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). | |
| | | | The Assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet | |
| | | | (37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | \$ 40.00 |
| | | | TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | \$ 940.00 |
| | | | Amount to be refunded | \$ |
| | | | Amount to be charged | \$ 940.00 |

- a. A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$940.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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